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My dear Lieke

Disgrace! Literature is not  
the most important expenditure of vital  
energy; but unless you are good enough  
to think it is, you don't produce  
first-rate literature.

"Olas! my poor Lieke!"

I shall be delighted to meet the  
brilliant young men of whom you  
speak. Perhaps they may make me  
feel as you do about literature!

As Hamlet said "The rest is" —  
blue pencil!

Yours Alastair Lawley